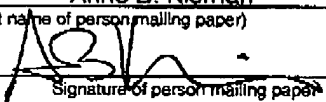


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated March 9, 2007:

- ☒ A *three month* extension of time is requested and authorization to charge the Account of assignee is provided in an enclosed form.
- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ Amendments to the Abstract are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.